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WEEKLY REPORT

ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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Weekly Report is published by the Arizona State Retirement System. During the Legislative Session, we provide a summary of legislation that pertains to the ASRS. Since the Legislature has adjourned, we will report on news and information related to the Retirement System. This report will be sent via email every other week until the Legislature begins a new session. We hope you find this report useful. If there are issues you'd like addressed, please let us know! Send an email to: davidc@asrs.state.az.us

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ASRS News:

- In an effort to reach out to members across the state, the **Arizona State Retirement System Board will conduct its next monthly meeting in Flagstaff**, and is inviting employees, employers and retirees to attend to learn more about the benefits provided by the retirement system. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 19, at 9:30 a.m., at the Flagstaff Little America Hotel & Conference Center, 2515 E. Butler Ave.

The meeting will feature updates on various ASRS programs and benefits, including the Deferred Retirement Option Plan and Supplemental Retirement Savings Plan; the state of ASRS contribution rates and anticipated direction of future rates; the ASRS investment strategy, including asset allocation changes and potential real estate investments; the development of Board Rules that will affect the distribution of gains or losses to System Members' accounts and benefits, and the Rural Health Insurance Supplement Benefit Payment.

Make Plans to Attend!
Your Board would like to hear from you!

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- The ASRS **Member Handbook**, your guide to a variety of information on retirement, has been updated and posted to our website! Ever wonder when you can retire with full pension benefits? What happens to your account if you leave your current employer? Who's eligible to be your beneficiary? Find out the answers to these and dozens of other common questions in the Member Handbook. You can access a copy at www.asrs.state.az.us
 - Our Member Services Division offers a series of **Group Meetings and Seminars** designed for members thinking about retirement within the next year to five years. Group Meetings are designed for those planning to retire within a year, while Seminars are designed for those thinking about retiring within the next five years. Valuable planning information is provided at both. Please be sure to let your employees know that if they're contemplating retirement, these meetings are available! A complete list is posted on the Calendar section of our website.
 - Our Employer Relations Division has closed registration for their annual **Employer Conferences**. We hope everyone had a chance to attend one of the 24 conferences offered this year! We will be preparing a

brief wrap-up of the conferences, including some of the most common questions and answers. Watch for it in a future issue of this report!

Upcoming Board & Committee Meetings

- Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m. – ASRS Board – Little America Hotel & Conference Center, Flagstaff.
- Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m. – Board Committee on Investments – ASRS Phoenix Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor board room.
- Oct. 17, 8:30 a.m. – ASRS Board – ASRS Phoenix Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor board room.

* All Board & Committee meetings are open to the public and your attendance is encouraged. Schedules, agendas and minutes of our meetings are posted on our website and are available at our Phoenix and Tucson offices.

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